

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**SB 1128 – HB 1372**

April 21, 2015

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Prohibits the use of unmanned traffic enforcement cameras by local governments to enforce or monitor traffic violations; Defines unmanned traffic enforcement camera and traffic violation for the purpose of the bill.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

Decrease Local Revenue – Exceeds \$978,000

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (004453, 006887, 006907):** Amendment 004453 expands the proposed prohibition for local governments to use unmanned traffic enforcement cameras to also include the purchasing, installing, operating, and maintaining or contracting to purchase, install, operate, or maintain any unmanned traffic enforcement camera for the purpose of enforcing or monitoring traffic violations.

Amendment 006887 limits the use of traffic cameras to red light violations and speed violations within a 15 mph school zone. Requires the yellow signal to last at least four seconds before issuing a ticket for red light violations. Applies the law, with regard to contracts for traffic camera enforcement services to contracts entered into after the enactment of the law, and imposes the four second requirement for red light cameras on July 1, 2015.

Amendment 006907 exempts a certain specified area within the city of Chattanooga from the provisions of the amended bill.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:**

**Decrease Local Revenue - Exceeds \$470,000**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- This bill is only relevant to local government; any fiscal impact to the state is considered not significant.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Transportation as well as the Tennessee Association of Police Chiefs, a traffic study assessment would not be necessary in order to implement the provisions of the bill.

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- Based on information obtained from the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police, it can be reasonably determined that prohibiting the use of speed cameras would decrease local government revenue by an amount exceeding \$470,000.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey L. Spalding". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeffrey" and last name "Spalding" clearly distinguishable.

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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